

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

1. Please amend the paragraph on page 2, lines 5-12, as follows:

A basic disadvantage of such prior art techniques lies in that they do not take into account the role played by certain variables such as:

- the type of browser used for downloading,
- the types of web pages considered,
- the specific performance level of certain network services being used, for instance in terms of available bit rate and/or latency.

2. Please amend the paragraph on page 6, lines 12-17, as follows:

Reference 12 is a processing unit such as a computer configured for [[in]] the field measurements. The processing unit 12 is typically a personal computer 15 (PC) such as a "laptop" portable computer adapted to be connected to the mobile terminal 10 to access the Internet I via the network N.

3. Please amend the paragraph on page 12, lines 12-16, as follows:

Specifically, the module 24 operates by allotting a given value to ~~the~~ or each free parameter in the model (e.g. " $\lambda$ ") and then computing the download times of the pages in the sample set on the basis of such value.